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Friend --

This weekend will mark my 40th community walk in the great 13th Council District, and we have a really great event planned for my constituents. In addition to distributing important contact information for free City services, we will also plant the ceremonial 'first tree' in a major reforest project in Elysian Park.

The tree planting and community walk will take place on **Saturday, October 15, 830am, at the corner of Scott Avenue and Elysian Park Drive, in Elysian Park**. Following the ceremonial tree planting, we will then go door-to-door to distribute information about free graffiti removal and bulky item service.

Due to a host of climate related issues, the canopy in Elysian Park has been in decline. Thanks to a grant from the Arbor Day Foundation and Boise Paper, we will revitalize the oldest park facility in Los Angeles. Volunteers at the event will utilize *Land Life Cocoons*, provided by LADWP as a pilot program, to hold water and slowly feed it to the seedling over the course of several months, keeping it alive but forcing it to develop a strong tap root to survive on its own in drought conditions.

Elysian Park is a regional asset beloved by its neighbors in Echo Park, Elysian Valley, and all the world over. This major reforest project is a significant step toward strengthening the park's biodiversity with the latest drought-resilient technology. I want to thank our corporate sponsors Boise Paper and Office Depot, as well as our City departments who worked on this project, for creating a plan that will benefit future generations of Angelenos.

I look forward to seeing you at the event tomorrow, as well as the opportunity to speak with residents in Echo Park during the [community walk](#).

See you tomorrow!

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Mitch O'Farrell

COMING UP

SAT 10/15 [FREE MOVIE AT THE LAKE: WEST SIDE STORY](#)

SAT 10/15 [SILVER LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MUSIC BOX STEPS DAY](#)

SAT 10/15 [FREE TOURS: FESTIVAL OF NEIGHBORHOODS](#)

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